

In the specification:

Page 13, cancel the second paragraph in lines 7-14.

Before line 15 insert:

The inlet device 1 has an operator stand 5, an inlet desk 6 with pulling means, for example driveable rollers, and a device such as a needling device 7 for mounting of product web edges on the tensioning chain 2. In the inlet device 1, a product web 8 passes under the operation stand 5. During its further running in the inlet desk 6, the product web 8 is guided around an expansion roller 9, a driveable pulling roller 10, a further extension or expansion roller 11, a guiding roller 12 and a further driveable pulling roller 13, toward a needling device 7.

Cancel paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14.

Page 14, before line 4 insert:

The needling device 7 has an expansion means. In particular, the needling means include in this example at each side three roll fingers 15 arranged in the transporting direction 14 of the product web

one after the other, and a mounting means for mounting the edges of the product web 8 on the tensioning chain 2, in particular a brush band 16 arranged above the product web 8 and a pressure band 17 arranged under the product web 8. The roll fingers 15 include driveable, conical rollers whose diameter reduces toward the edge of the product web 8. Their axes are substantially offset relative to one another so that the product web 8 is guided slightly wavelly, over the first, under the second, and over the third rolling finger 15.

Page 14, cancel paragraph in lines 4-11.

Page 14, before line 12 insert:

A tensioning chain 2 surrounds a chain band 18 with a needle box 19. It is guided in an upper and in a lower chain guide 20 and deviated on a front chain wheel 21 and a rear chain wheel which is not shown in the drawings. The chain wheels 21 are arranged in this case vertically. The tensioning chain 2 with the chain band 18 and the chain guide 20 extends through the dryer 3. The position of the chain band 18 is shown in Figure 1 by dash lines. In a first drying field 3 of the dryer 4 the position of a circulating fan 22 is identified.

Cancel paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15.

Page 15, before line 4 insert:

A device for edge gluing has spin spraying nozzles 23 which in this example are arranged at the height or behind the expansion means or before the mounting means. Each spin spraying nozzle 22 is mounted above the third rolling finger 15 of the needling device 7 at both sides of the tensioning aggregate 2. The position of the spin spraying nozzle 23 is selected so that a projection of an opening of the spin spraying nozzle 23, or in other words the bottom surface of a spraying cone exiting from the spin spraying nozzle, is located on the product web 8 on the inner side of the needle box 19 of the tensioning chain 2 near the needle box 19, and an opening surface extends horizontally or at an acute angle to horizontals. In this example, the opening surface extends at an acute angle which opens opposite to the transporting direction, or in other words the axis of the spraying cone extends at an acute angle to verticals.

Page 16, cancel two paragraphs in lines 4-16.

Page 16 before line 17 insert:

The brush band 16 can have only a band with brushes arranged so that at its outer surface in a middle region, a strip which is free from the brushes is retained. In this case, the spin spraying nozzles 23 and the brush band 16 are arranged so that the projection of the opening of the spin spraying nozzle 23 on the product web 8 and the strip 28 remaining free from the brushes in the brush band 16 is located on a straight line extending in a transporting direction 14.

Alternatively, the tensioning chains 2 of the chain bands 18 can be provided with tensioning clamps. Instead of the upper brush band 16 and the lower pressure band 17, the device for mounting of the product web edges on the tensioning chain 2 has means for pressing the product web 8 on the clamps and for closing the clamps. The tensioning chain 2 can be provided also with horizontal chain wheels.

Page 17, cancel first paragraph.

Page 17, before line 17 insert:

During the operation, for example a moist product web 8 is supplied under the operation stand 5 through and to an inlet desk 6. In a further course in the inlet desk 6, the product web 8 is guided over the

expansion roller 9, the driveable pulling roller 10, the expansion roller 11, the guiding roller 12, and the driven pulling roller 13 toward the needling device 7. Forces which act at both edges on the product web 8 are applied to the expansion rollers 9 and 11 so that it is expanded and smoothed. The pulling rollers 10 and 13 accelerate the product web 8 to a desired speed. The peripheral speed of the pulling rollers 10 and 13 is between 20 and 40 m/min ending on the treatment process. In the tensioning chain 2 with the dryers 4 for after treatment of wet treatment processes the speed is between 25 and 35 m/min.

Page 24, cancel the paragraph in lines 6 - 14.

Before line 15 insert:

In the third embodiment of the tensioning aggregate with a clamping chain 2 with the needle box 19, the means for loosening and clamping of the product web 8 have each a pressing roller 37 which is located under the product web 8 and arranged toward the interior of the product web 8 closely near the needle box 19. It extends with a small part of its periphery outwardly beyond the plane defined by the two-side chain bands 18. The height of the outwardly extending part of the pressing roller

37 substantially corresponds to the needle height. The spin spraying nozzle 23 is arranged in the zenit of the pressing roller 37.

Page 25, cancel the last paragraph on this page.

Page 25, after line 9, insert:

During the operation, the bottom of the U of the holding wire 38 is located on the product web 8 and holds the outer edge of the product web 8 in the needle box 19. The pressing roller 37 is driven with the same speed as the tensioning chain 2. The pressing roller 37 lifts the product web 8 so far that it abuts on the roller surface of the pressing roller 38 being planely clamped with advancement of the needled product web 8 above the needle box 19, or in other words in material folds which follow one another. The material folds are formed with a rough surface smaller than the material folds formed by the needling in the needle box 19.